

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending. Claims 7, 19, 25, and 26 have been amended. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Objection to the Title

The title was objected to as allegedly being non-descriptive. Applicant respectfully submits that the original title is descriptive and clearly indicative of the inventions to which the claims are directed and is therefore, uncertain as to what, in particular, the Examiner finds objectionable. Applicant has however amended the title to correct a minor informality identified therein. Applicant respectfully requests that, if the Examiner still believes the title is non-descriptive, he suggest an amendment that addresses his concern.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 19 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Applicant has amended the claims to more clearly recite statutory subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

A. Claims 1-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over Friedli et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,319,966). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1 recites a system for forming information pertaining to a transportation device that includes obtaining means arranged to obtain first information that is related to a person using the transportation device, and second information about a status of the transportation device; and associating means arranged to create an association between the first information and the second information to thereby form the information pertaining to the transportation device.

Claim 1 is related to a system for storing and searching surveillance footage. In contrast, Friedli refers to a system which communicates information to elevator passengers via a screen, based on information about the user(s) of the elevator (presumably based on personal information gained from, for example, a "swipe" card used to access the elevator). Friedli fails to disclose, or even suggest, "associating means arranged to create an association between the first information and the second information to thereby form the information pertaining to the transportation device". Although the Examiner asserts this feature is disclosed by Friedli, there is no specific citation in the Office Action to where Friedli

discloses such a feature. While Friedli makes reference to a camera 21 and elevator statistics and operating data (see, e.g., column 3, lines 42-51), there is no disclosure of associating these two types of information, as required by claim 1. Accordingly, Friedli fails to disclose "associating means arranged to create an association between the first information and the second information to thereby form the information pertaining to the transportation device," as recited in claim 1.

Claim 19 is believed to be allowable for at least the reasons presented above with respect to claim 1 because claim 19 recites features similar to those discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 2-18 and 20-37 are believed allowable for at least the reasons presented above with respect to claims 1 and 19 by virtue of their dependence upon claims 1 and 19. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

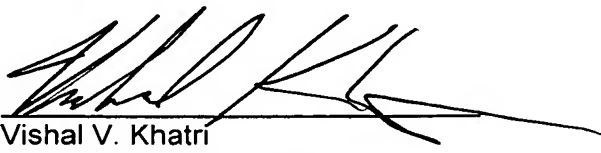
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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